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November 16, 1999


Mr. Warren H. Squirewell  
Plant Manager  
ABC Rail Products Corporation  
P.O. Box 4457 Zip 21217  
2001-45 Winchester Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

RE: Site access to conduct sampling activities

Dear Mr. Squirewell:

In accordance with our November 12, 1999 telephone conversation, the purpose of this letter is to request access to your facility in order to conduct sampling activities. In response to concerns regarding lead contamination associated with former ABEX facilities, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be conducting sampling activities at and in the vicinity of the ABC Rail Products Corporation plant located in Baltimore, Maryland. As you are aware this plant was once operated as an ABEX facility. EPA plans on conducting a site reconnaissance to develop a sampling plan and then will return to the site to collect samples a short time thereafter. EPA is requesting access to your facility during the week of November 29, 1999 to select sample locations. EPA will provide you with an exact day as soon as our schedule is finalized. After the site reconnaissance is completed and a sampling plan is developed, EPA will return to collect samples. The actual sampling event will most likely occur sometime in December. EPA will provide you with the sampling date as soon as it is known.

I will be contacting you within the next few days to provide you with a proposed date for the site visit and to confirm site access. If you have any questions please contact me at 215-814 -3184.

Sincerely,  
  
William C. Wentworth  
Site Assessment Manager  
cc: file